P.N.E.U. NOTES.

BELGRAVIA AND WESTMINSTER BRANCH. A meeting of the Belgravia and Westminster Branch was held at the High School, Graham Street, Eaton Square, on Saturday, April 25. The Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, Head Master of Harrow, gave a lecture on "The Relations between Parents and Teachers." (See report, p. 265.) Sir R. Templeton took the chair. Mr. Welldon's address was listened to with great interest and delight.—Hon. Sec., The Lady Isabel Margesson.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH. April 16. A paper on "The Effects of the Examination System" was read before this Branch by Mr. Mark Wilks, jun. The meeting was held at 9, St. John's Wood Park, by kind permission of Mrs. Schofield. Our hostess's brother-in-law, Dr. Schofield, took the chair, and there was a good attendance. May 11, at 31, St. John's Wood Park, Drawing-room Meeting for men only. Mr. H. S. Perrin in the chair. Mr. A. H. Tubby, M.S., M.B. (Lond.), continued his previous lecture on "Heredity," showing how the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children, and urging that the dangers open to them be plainly pointed out to boys by their fathers. Rev. A. Cherrill, Mr. Cumberland, Mr. Hobson, Mr. Kitching, and others, took part in the discussion that followed. At our last monthly meeting, May 21, Miss Drewry read a paper on "Rewards and Punishments," followed by discussion, opened by Mr. Cumberland, Head Master of the William Ellis School, Gospel Oak. Mr. Edmund Blyth will presided at the meeting, which, by permission of Dr. Tremlett, was held in the Lecture Hall of St. Peter's, Belsize Park.—Hon. Sec., Miss E. C. Playne.

PRIZES.

Awards.—Miss Morse awards her prize as follows :—

(1) *Buttonholes*, Miss Mildred Winthrop, Half-a-guinea ; her work could hardly be excelled.

(2) *Smocking*, Mrs. Leader, Half-a-guinea. The specimen sent in by Mrs. Lucius Smith is almost as beautiful a piece of work.

Mr. E. P. Arnold-Forster awards his prize for—

(3) *Model Engine* to Richard Jefferson, aged sixteen. One Guinea. An ingenious work.

Lady Aberdeen awards her prize for a list of—

(4) *Twelve Hymns*, to be committed to memory by children under twelve, to Hon. Mrs. Cropper, Half-a-guinea.

(5) For *Twelve Poems*, do., to Mrs. Russell Grenville, Half-a-guinea.

(6) Miss Behrens awards her prize for *Translation of Passages from the German* to Miss Maud Lloyd, One Guinea, who deserves high praise, not only for her rendering, but for her clever reproduction of the original metre. Miss Thomas's prose translation is very good, and Miss Picton-Warlow's blank verse is excellent.

Competitions.—(1) The Competitors for "Twelve Rules for the Nursery" are requested to add a short article on "The Management of a Nursery, giving arrangement of hours for rising, toilettes, meals, airings, for a family of little children ; including the amount of needlework done by nurse and nurserymaid for a family of six under ten years of age." If competitors will be good enough to send in by June 15, we shall still be able to announce the award in the July number. Rules and Article.

(2) Mrs. W. D. Hall offers a prize of One Guinea for "The best paper on Living English Musicians." To be sent in by the last day of June.

Both competitions to be sent to Editor, care of Publishers.

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SNAILS AND SLUGS.

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Snails are provided by Nature with a hard shell, which protects the soft parts of their bodies. They are included in the large group of Gasteropoda, which are distinguished from other Mollusca by the fact of the under side of their body being expanded into a foot on which they crawl.

They are not such simply organised animals as might be thought. Like the higher animals, they possess a heart, a fairly complex digestive organ, and a nervous system radiating into every part of their body. But while the nerves in the former arise from a brain, in snails they radiate out from a mass of nervous ganglia which takes the place of a brain, and which surrounds the throat like a collar. The land, and some of the fresh-water, snails breathe air, like ourselves, by means of lungs ; whilst the others have gills suitable for absorbing air from water as fishes do. But, of course, these and all the other organs are of a much more simple nature than in the higher animals.

Most snails live on land—and they may be found in the very driest places, even in the Desert of Sahara—some in ponds and rivers, and some in the sea.